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place. delegates to the conference can see many opportunities for useful business development, foreign investment and trade, with downstream investment in food processing and distribution being at least as important as in agriculture itself.

- 6) While the West can certainly increase financial and technical assistance, delegates believe that of even greater importance is the creation of greater market access for exports from central Europe and the USSR, and the maintenance of a liberal trading system. This gives added urgency to a successful outcome to the current agricultural negotiations in the Uruguay Round of the GATT.
- 7) Delegates recognize the magnitude of the tasks involved in bringing about the transformation of the agricultural and food sectors in the region but are encouraged by the changes that have already begun. No one model or panacea exists but the exchange of ideas and experience can help to produce good results and avoid the mistakes of others. The conference has contributed to this process by providing a timely opportunity for government, farm, business and academic leaders from all countries in the region to have a serious exchange of views, and by increasing Western countries' understanding of the problems and opportunities which are developing. This process of communication both internally throughout the whole of society and among nations remains important, and the International Policy Council intends to continue to facilitate that communication.